

HALLS ARE SILENT

LAWMAKERS HAVE GONE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Speaker Crisp and Few Other Members About All That are Left—No Regular Committee Work Done—President Signs Bills—Sub-Committee Work—Washington Notes.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The capital was practically deserted today. Only a few straggling sight-seers, the capital police and now and then a stray senator or representative were the echoes of the festive Christmas at home was the magnet that had drawn everyone who could leave from the congressional hall. Only the members of the House and Senate who were unable to get home for Christmas remained here. Several of them were at their desks for a short time today examining their mail but they had put their congressional labors behind them and matters congressional were in a state of suspension.

Speaker Crisp was in his room in the rear of the hall of representatives about noon dictating answers to letters, but he was almost the only member in the vicinity of the capital today. Mrs. Crisp and her son and daughter are here to eat their Christmas dinner with the speaker and he will remain here throughout the holidays. The committee work will be done at either end of the capital during the recess.

Senator Blackburn says the committee on rules, of which he is chairman, will not take up the question of a cloture rule or any other subject until after January 1. The committee will leave the city today to remain until congress reconvenes. Some work will probably be done on the appropriation bill for the navy department, but the committee will not take up the question of a cloture rule or any other subject until after January 1.

SUNDAY CIVIL BILL.

Sub-Committee Receives Explanations From Various Department Officers.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The sub-committee of the house committee on appropriations was today in session considering the sundry civil bill. Director Wolcott, of the geographical survey and Commissioner Lamoreaux of the general land office, were before the committee explaining estimates for their respective departments and were questioned by the committee as to the advisability of reducing expenditures. Both maintained that the estimates were as low as they could be made.

They were also asked as to the recommendations that the surveying of public lands be made under the direction of the secretary of the interior. Instead of by the contract system through the surveyors general of the different states.

This has been discussed by Secretary Smith with both these officers before the recommendations were made and they were able to give the committee the reasons for the change. They assured the committee today that the estimates for the geographical survey and the general land office, especially as to the estimates for Alaska, were as low as possible.

SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

Deficiency Appropriation and Public Improvement Bills Become Law.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The president has approved the report of the board of directors of the National Printing and Binding Company, and has signed the bill for the appropriation of \$100,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi river above New Orleans.

LOOKING OUT FOR FIRE.

Government at Recommendations Safety Appliances in New Government Vessels.

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LOOK OUT FOR BREAKERS AHEAD

When pimple, eruptions, boils, and like manifestations of impure blood appear on your face, neck, or chest, it is a sign that your blood is impure. It is a sign that your blood is impure. It is a sign that your blood is impure.

SCROFULOUS ABSCESSES.

Mr. J. H. Sweeney, of Pitt River, Alaska, writes: "About four years ago I took scrofulous, and did everything that was recommended, but it did not do me any good. I was then advised to take Scott's Emulsion, and I did so, and I am now well and strong."

LOVELY WOMAN THIRDS HER HAND

Denver, Dec. 24.—The Christmas edition of the Rocky Mountain News will be issued by the Women's Club of Denver. Tonight the women took charge of the editorial department of the paper.

MEN FOLK TAKE A DAY OFF

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—This city was a scene of unusual activity today. The men of the city were taking a day off from work.

SAME AS FINDING IT

BAREFACED SCHEME TO ACCUMULATE WEALTH QUICKLY.

Witness Fee Certificates Raised Tenfold by a Slight Twist of the Pen—Steals of an Unknown Amount—Prominent Citizens Indicted—Oklahoma News.

El Reno, O. T., Dec. 24.—One of the most sensational scandals in high financial life was launched here today. The grand jury returned two indictments each against J. J. O'Rourke and F. H. Wright, president and cashier respectively of the Canadian County bank, charging them with being parties to and connected with a deep scheme to defraud Canadian county, Kingfisher county and in fact most all the western counties out of large sums of money.

Thousands of dollars worth of court certificates of the above named counties issued to witnesses and jurors have been bought and raised, usually \$10 each. This was invariably done by playing the figure one to the left of the figure on the certificate. These certificates are issued by the clerk of the court and are usually issued in figures. These certificates were presented to the grand jury for their consideration.

TREASURY CASH BALANCE.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The cash balance in the treasury today was \$132,726,988; gold reserve, \$89,561,577.

HAD NO JURISDICTION.

Suit of Noted Englishman Over Maxwell Land Grant, is Dismissed.

Denver, Dec. 24.—Judge Hallett in the United States court today dismissed the suit of John Guthrie Smith against the Maxwell Land grant company, et al. Smith, a noted Englishman, had brought suit against the company, et al. Smith, a noted Englishman, had brought suit against the company, et al.

WILL BE HEARD IN JANUARY.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 24.—The United States circuit court today, Judge Gilbert, set Jan. 25 as the date for hearing the case of the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern railway.

NO RESIGNATIONS IN SIGHT.

General Manager Merrill Says Somebody's Been Making.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—For the last three days news has been circulating regarding the coming resignation of President Perkins of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road. One story was to the effect that Perkins had been offered a position in the government. Another story was to the effect that Perkins had been offered a position in the government.

TO DISAFFIRM CONTRACTS.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—Special Master George D. Reynolds has given notice of a hearing on the application of the St. Louis and San Francisco railway company to disaffirm contracts with the St. Louis and San Francisco railway company.

PAID WITHIN TEN DAYS.

New York, Dec. 24.—The investigation of the suit of the attorney general of New Jersey against the American Tobacco company, which was filed today in this city, Frederick Adams sitting as a master in chancery presiding. The only witness examined was Arnold Dunlop of Brooklyn, who testified that he had dealt with the American Tobacco company ever since its formation and had purchased cigarettes from no other manufacturer.

PRODUCE HOUSE FAILS.

Denver, Col., Dec. 24.—E. Henningson took possession of the produce house of Kaufman & Murray today on account of the failure of the firm. The firm carried on a clothing business under the name of the United States Clothing Co. The liabilities are said to amount to \$25,000.

KILLED IN CAMP.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 24.—Sheriff's Reid and Lancaster today went to the scene of the murder of Collin Nashan and Charles Langley, in a hunters camp near Millinocket and took in charge Joseph and Newell Gabriel, Indian guides, who are charged with the crime.

FINISHED TALKS OUT.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 24.—In an interview today Governor Fishback said:

KNOWLEDGE

Brings comfort and improvement and to the person who enjoys it, a knowledge of the world and of the people who live in it.

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HANDLE WITH CARE

LEXOW COMMITTEE TO LET BYRNES DOWN EASY.

Parkhurst Would Have the Superintendent Put on a Footing With His Subordinates—Would as Soon Ask Satan's Advice About Reorganizing Hell—He Will Keep On.

New York, Dec. 24.—Dr. Parkhurst is not pleased at the prospect that the investigation of police corruption is to be stopped before the heads of the departments have been called upon to testify. He has been pleased with the process which is said to be favored by members of the Lexow committee that Superintendent Byrnes be charged with reorganizing the department. Dr. Parkhurst said today that he would not stop even if the senate committee did. He said he believed the committee is about through with serious work.

EDISON KNOCKED OUT.

American Graphophone Company is the Genuine and Only.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A decision was today rendered in the supreme court of the District of Columbia in a suit brought by the American Graphophone company against the Columbia Phonograph company, but the real parties defendant being Thomas A. Edison and the Edison Phonograph works. It was alleged by the American Graphophone company that the Columbia Phonograph company had used the Edison name in its advertisements and that the Edison name was a trademark of the American Graphophone company.

WILL DRIVE IT TO MARKET.

Thirteen States Report Enormous Quantities of Wheat Being Fed.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The Farmers Review tomorrow will say: Reports have been received by the Review from correspondents in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana, to the effect that wheat is being fed to cattle in some parts of Illinois wheat has been fed largely, especially where markets are not easily reached, or where other feed crops are short. In other parts of the country wheat is being fed to cattle in large quantities, but in some cases it is being fed to cattle in small quantities.

PUNISHED THE TRAITOR.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 24.—Tulsa Jack, a side partner of the late bandit Dalton and a gang of six men, rode into Ingalls last night, and, according to the report, he was killed by the Ingalls. The Ingalls are a family of cowboys who live in the Ingalls territory.

BILL IS MUCH ALIVE.

Talequah, I. T., Dec. 24.—The report that the notorious outlaw, Bill Cook, is dead, is a mistake. Bill is still alive and is being held in custody by the Ingalls.

DEPOSITORS ARE ALL RIGHT.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 24.—Bank Commissioner Bridenbath has been informed that the depositors of the Topeka National bank are all right. The bank is still open for business.

WILL BE FIFTY INCHES.

An Inventor Proposes to Bust the Lick Telescope.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Louis Gatham the inventor, said today that he had accepted an offer of ten acres of land at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where he will build a telescope that will be fifty inches in diameter.

A FINE COMPLIMENT.

And It Was Paid to a Famous Ballad Singer by General Grant.

A lot of show people were sitting around one evening watching a performance. "The finest compliment I ever had paid me," said a famous ballad singer, "was when General Grant came to my performance and said, 'I like your singing very much, and once, when we happened to be stopping in the same hotel for a night, and after the performance, I was asked to sing for him. I did not feel very much like complying. In fact, I refused. He said, 'I will not be satisfied until I hear you sing.' So I sang for him, and he said, 'I like your singing very much, and once, when we happened to be stopping in the same hotel for a night, and after the performance, I was asked to sing for him. I did not feel very much like complying. In fact, I refused. He said, 'I will not be satisfied until I hear you sing.' So I sang for him, and he said, 'I like your singing very much, and once, when we happened to be stopping in the same hotel for a night, and after the performance, I was asked to sing for him. 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